

Free Range Library: Information Literacy Outcomes Come Home to Roost

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The background of the slide features a close-up, slightly blurred image of green leaves, likely from a plant like a succulent or a similar species, with various shades of green and some white highlights on the leaf surfaces.

what is web scale discovery?



what is WSD?

Discovery Layer

Search seamlessly and easily across all a library's resources

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Unified Index

Preharvested and processed metadata and full-text that is searchable through the discovery layer

WHY introduce a discovery tool?



- Target first time users, limit anxiety levels
- Increase discovery of lesser used resources
- Remove/mitigate barriers users may encounter when finding and accessing information
- User demand!



Background

Introduced: September 2011



Product: Serial Solutions Summon

Branded: LibrarySearch

Introduced: Late 2010



Product: Ebsco Discover Service (EDS)

Branded: OCTopus

Introduced: September 2011

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Summon: Scope entitlements within Serial Solutions UI + unique
catalogue and institutional repository

Info Literacy standards




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- The information literate student determines the nature and extent of the information needed.
- The information literate student accesses needed information effectively and efficiently.
- The information literate student evaluates information and its sources critically and incorporates selected information into his or her knowledge base and value system.
- The information literate student, individually or as a member of a group, uses information effectively to accomplish a specific purpose.
- The information literate student understands many of the economic, legal, and social issues surrounding the use of information and accesses and uses information ethically and legally.

<http://www.ala.org/acrl/standards/informationliteracycompetency#stan>

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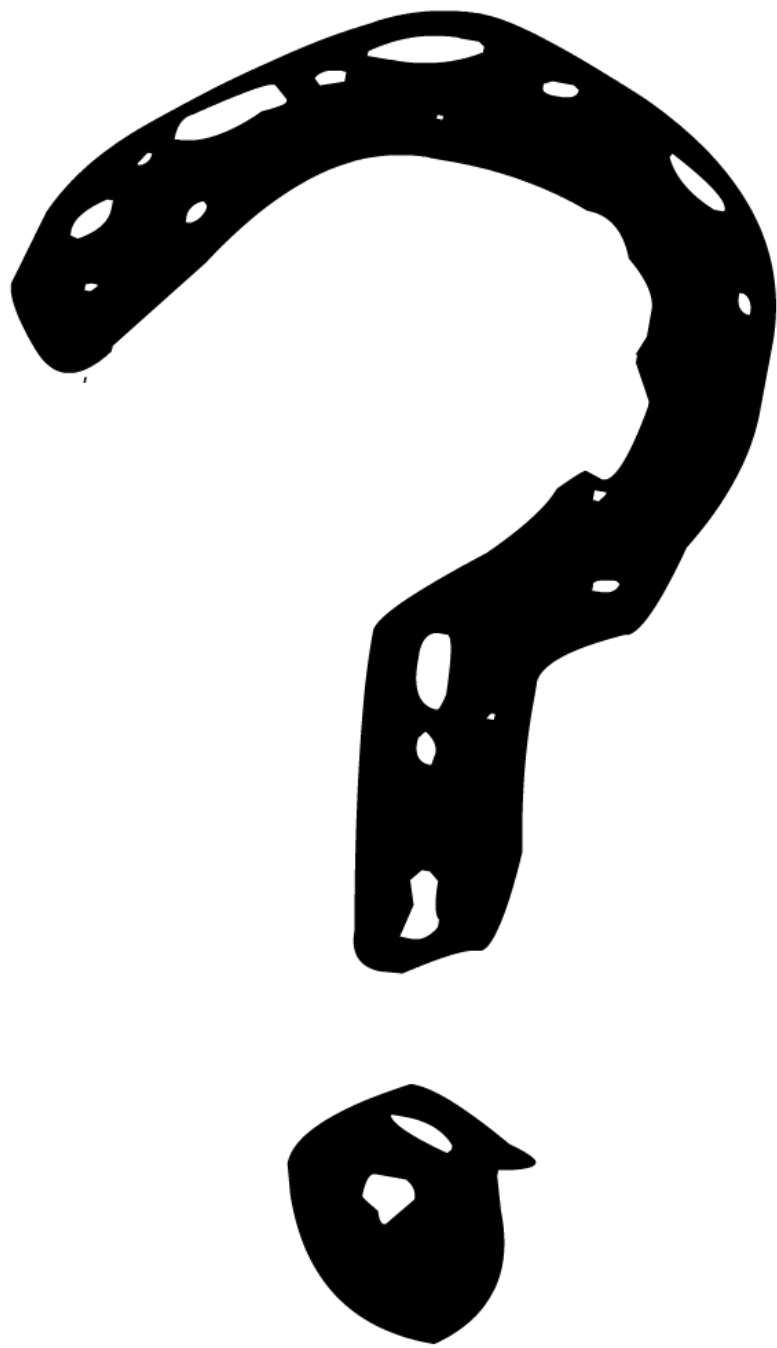
Are We Meeting Info Lit Standards?

- Arguably, WSD has the greatest ability to support Standard #2: The information literate student accesses needed information effectively and efficiently.
- WSD is one tool in the info lit toolkit; pre-search and post-research skills still need to be taught and learned
- WSD allows reference and instruction to focus on higher level instruction than "what do I use and where do I go?"



Assessing the Impact of WSD:
Measures to Watch

- Visits, searches conducted using WSD tool
- Hits on Databases A-Z, by Subject, LibGuides
- Vendor statistics - Aggregators (i.e. Academic Search Premier) vs. publishers with "long tail" content more discoverable
- ILL requesting and A&I statistics
- LibQUAL+ quantitative data and comments
- Academic literature



Selected Reading

